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1. [] training was begun at the air defense cadres school at Peits'ang (N 39-13, E 117-08), a suburb of Tientsin. This school was established by the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council to strengthen mainland air defense capabilities.
2. One searchlight battalion (ta tui) of approximately 350 students began a three-months training program. This first group of trainees was selected from among platoon-level cadres and from among privates of units of the North China Military Area. []
3. Following graduation the trainees were to be assigned to strategic localities to participate in air defense activities. It was planned that they would not return to their original units.
4. Because of inadequate facilities at the Peits'ang training area, the curriculum and the number of trainees who could attend were limited. It was planned to expand the school and to train other types of air defense units in 1954.

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